

§ 8.6 Membership.

(a) The act requires a balanced membership in terms of the points of view represented. Members are selected for their expertise in the committee's functions and should be chosen from different vocations having knowledge in the subject.

(b) It is Department policy that members will be selected without regard to national origin, religion, race, sex, or color.

(c) The committee office will keep the Advisory Committee Management Officer currently advised of a committee's membership including vacancies.

§ 8.7 Security.

(a) All officers and members of a committee must have a security clearance for the subject matter level of security at which the committee functions.

(b) The responsible committee office will provide the Advisory Committee Management Officer with each member's security clearance level and date of issue.

(c) The substantive office sponsoring an advisory committee is responsible for access to and removal from official premises of classified material in accordance with the Department's security regulations (5 FAM 940 and 973). Any questions arising involving security procedures are to be presented to the Office of Security for guidance and resolution.

§ 8.8 Chartering of committees.

(a) *Requirements.* (1) Each advisory committee, whether established or utilized, must have a charter approved by the Deputy Under Secretary of State for Management and filed with the Advisory Committee Management Officer, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Committee on International Relations, and in the case of a Presidential advisory committee only with the Committee Management Secretariat of OMB before it can hold a meeting.

(2) Formal subgroups may be chartered separately or the requisite information set forth in the charter of the parent committee.

(3) Informal subgroups may not require a charter; however, the charter of

the parent committee must cover this aspect of its organization.

(4) The Advisory Committee Management Officer will, at the time a charter is filed, furnish a copy of the filed charter to the Library of Congress.

(b) *Contents.* Each committee charter shall contain: The official name and acronym, if any; the objectives, scope of activity, and full description of duties; the authority for such functions; the Department official (by title) to whom the committee reports; the relationship to or with other committees; the committee organization, composition of membership and officers' responsibilities; a description of the type of minutes, with their certification of accuracy, and records to be maintained; the estimated annual operating costs in dollars and man-years, and the source and authority for these resources; the period of time that will be required by the committee to accomplish its stated purpose; the estimated number and frequency of meetings; the termination date; and the filing date of the charter.

(c) *Termination and Renewal.* (1) An existing advisory committee will be automatically terminated at the end of a 2-year period (*i.e.*, date specified in charter) unless its charter is renewed, except for a statutory committee which has provisions providing to the contrary.

(2) The Deputy Under Secretary for Management will make a determination, based on a comprehensive review, whether or not a committee will be continued.

(3) The OMB Secretariat will be advised of the determination and reasons therefore 60 days prior to the charter expiration date of the committee. If the Secretariat concurs, the Advisory Committee Management Officer will publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER the Department's intent to continue those advisory committees so designated by the Deputy Under Secretary for Management.

(4) Each office responsible for an advisory committee it wishes to continue will prepare a new charter and submit it to the Advisory Committee Management Officer before October 1 biennially.

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(5) No advisory committee shall meet, advise or make recommendations between the expiration date of its charter and the date its new charter is filed.

(d) *Amendments.* (1) The charter of a committee may be amended, as necessary, to reflect current information on organization, composition, activities, et cetera.

(2) A proposed amendment must be approved prior to any committee activity to which the proposed amendment relates.

§ 8.9 Meetings of advisory committees.

(a) *Applicability.* The term “meeting” covers any situation in which all or some of the members of an advisory committee convene with a representative of the Department to transact committee business or to discuss matters related to the committee. This is applicable to an advisory committee and to its subordinate components.

(b) *Designated Department Official.* (1) No advisory committee may hold a meeting in the absence of the designated full-time Department or other U.S. Government officer.

(2) The designated Department or other U.S. Government officer has the following responsibilities:

(i) Prepares or approves the agenda for all meetings;

(ii) Calls or approves in advance the calling of the meetings;

(iii) Adjourns any meeting whenever he or she determines that adjournment is in the public interest.

(c) *Notice of Meetings.* (1) All advisory committee meetings, open or closed, will be publicly announced except when the President of the United States determines otherwise for reasons of national security.

(2) Notice of each such meeting shall be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and in a Department of State Press Release at least 15 days prior to the meeting date.

(3) The responsible committee office will prepare the notice and press release, obtaining clearances as set forth in paragraphs (c)(3) (i) and (ii) of this section, and deliver to the Advisory Committee Management Officer for action:

(i) *Open meeting*—clearance within initiating office/bureau;

(ii) *Closed meeting*—clearance within initiating office/bureau including its legal adviser, and the Bureau of Public Affairs at the Bureau level.

(4) The Deputy Under Secretary for Management will determine if an advisory committee may hold a closed meeting, after a request for a meeting not open to the public is cleared by the Advisory Committee Management Officer and the Office of the Legal Adviser.

(5) After the clearances set forth in paragraphs (c) (3) and (4) of this section, a notification of meeting may also be provided by the office/bureau to any persons or organizations known to be interested in the activities of the committee.

(6) The office sponsoring the committee is responsible for meeting publishing date requirements. Overall normal processing time prior to a meeting date is 25 days for an open meeting and 47 days for a closed meeting.

(d) *Contents of Notice.* (1) The content of the FEDERAL REGISTER public notice and the Department of State press release will be identical.

(2) An *open meeting* announcement will state the name of the committee; the date, time, and place of the meeting; the agenda or summary thereof; that the meeting will be open to the public; the extent to which the public may participate in the meeting, either orally or in writing; seating space available; and the name and telephone number of a committee officer to whom inquiries may be directed, including arrangements for those attending if the meeting is in a secure building.

(3) A *closed meeting* announcement will state the name of the committee, the date of meeting and the reason or reasons which justify the closing of the meeting in the public interest.

(e) *Closed Meetings.* (1) An advisory committee meeting may be closed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act when the President or Department determines that the meeting is concerned with matters listed in section 552(b) of title 5, United States Code.

(2) Any determination to close all or a part of a meeting must be based upon